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Supervisor Don Nottoli, District 5 (and Chair)
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisor Nottoli:

EBMUD/Sacramento Joint Water Supply Proposed Pipeline Route

The board members of the Rosemont Community Association (RCA) appreciate your participation in our May 6, 1997, meeting where a special presentation was made regarding the status of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)/Sacramento Joint Water Supply Project. We feel staff from the Sacramento County Water Resources Division and EBMUD did their best to address our flood of concerns regarding the proposed pipeline route through our community.

Further discussion regarding the water supply project was conducted at our June 3, 1997, meeting of the RCA board. Members acknowledged the environmental benefits of diverting American River water near the confluence with the Sacramento River, rather than from points upstream. In addition, members respected the significant cost benefits for having a more direct pipeline alignment between the E.A Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant and the Folsom South Canal.

Regrettably, these significant environmental and cost benefits will result in a severe impact on the socioeconomic well-being of Rosemont families and local businesses - caused by an 8-foot wide pipe in an enormous trench cut through the heart of our community - if this proposed pipeline is routed along Kiefer Boulevard or, to a lesser extent, Jackson Highway. Therefore, serious consideration must be given to mitigation measures which will counteract expected financial loss and local objections.

In a motion unanimously approved by its board of directors, RCA is recommending that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors withhold endorsement of any routing of the EBMUD/Sacramento Water Supply pipeline through the Rosemont community until all of the following concerns have been addressed:

1. Contamination of Local Groundwater Wells poses a serious threat to Sacramento neighborhoods as a result of past activities at Mather Air Force Base and Aerojet. Both organizations need to consider the Joint Water Supply Project as a reliable and safe supply of water for those regions in the southeast portion of the County now served by groundwater wells.

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2. Health and Safety Factors During Construction become even more critical when conducted in the midst of a residential area, involving children and dangerous trenches. Any construction plan must adequately address vehicular and pedestrian traffic, controlled access, and inevitable excavation problems.
3. Mitigation of Economic Loss both during and after construction needs to be of a level that more than adequately compensates our local businesses.
4. Mitigation of Overwhelming Disruptions and Inconveniences to the Rosemont community will need to be of a level that both compensates our families and enhances our overall well-being. Forms of improvement may include a complete traffic engineering study of Kiefer Boulevard, landscaping improvements, unique transit shelters, and special community art projects.

We hope you will lend your full support to ensure that these concerns are addressed. RCA looks forward to working with you and County staff in reviewing the plans for this major project as they proceed through both the development and approval process.

Sincerely,

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